

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A manually operated electric control device comprising a housing on which a control lever is mounted by means of a ~~universal joint type~~ pivotable joint having two axes about which the control lever can be pivoted in relation to each other, wherein the position of the control lever can be detected by a sensing technology for generating a control signal and wherein a first pivot axis is formed by two bearing tappets operatively connected to the control lever, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bearing tappets immerse in respective bearing sections, each bearing section including a cylinder section with a convexly curved external cylinder surface which are guided with their external surfaces in a bearing bush is guided in a correspondingly designed concavely curved internal cylinder surface of a bearing bush having the form of a cylinder bush so that a second pivot axis is formed.

2. (Currently Amended) A control device according to claim 1, wherein the cylinder section of each bearing section ~~includes a cylinder section having~~ has a plane bearing surface adapted to be adjacent to end faces of the control lever ~~and a convexly curved external cylinder surface adapted to be adjacent to a correspondingly designed concavely curved internal cylinder surface of the bearing bush having the form of a cylinder bush.~~

3. (Original) A control device according to claim 2, wherein the cylinder bush includes two bush members connected to each other by a bridge.

4. (Currently Amended) A control device according to claim 2, wherein the bearing tappets are supported to slide in the control lever or in the respective cylinder section and are fastened in the respective other component with press fit ~~or the like~~.

5. (Previously Presented) A control device according to claim 2, wherein in a neutral position of the control lever the cylinder bushes extend beyond the cylinder sections in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the control lever.

6. (Currently Amended) A control device according to ~~claim 2~~claim 1, wherein the axial length of the cylinder sections and of the cylinder bush is equal and the ~~same~~cylinder sections and the cylinder bush are supported in a housing seat.

7. (Currently Amended) A control device according to claim 1, wherein the control lever has a receiving chamber for a permanent magnet at ~~the~~a base side of the control lever.

8. (Currently Amended) A control device according to claim 7, wherein the control lever has an approximately rectangular base on which ~~the~~end faces associated with bearing surfaces are formed.

9. (Previously Presented) A control device according to claim 1, wherein the components of the pivotable joint and the control lever are manufactured of non-magnetizable material.

10. (New) A control device according to claim 1, wherein the control lever is pivotable about the first axis without the cylinder section forming the second axis rotating.

11. (New) A control device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second pivot axes are provided at a longitudinal end of the control lever.

12. (New) A control device according to claim 7, wherein a permanent magnet is received in the receiving chamber and an annular groove is provided around the bearing bush, the annular groove receiving magnetic field sensors associated with the permanent magnet to form the sensing technology for generating a control signal.